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RIN, CALM DOWN!
SHUT UP!
YOU TOLD ME HE WAS KILLED BY A MUMA! WHY DID YOU SAY THAT?!
YOU THOUGHT I'D TRY TO TAKE REVENGE ON YOU IF I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH?!
RIN!

OR WAS THE MEASLY CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE I HAD BEFORE INHERITING MY MASTER'S POWERS...
TOO LITTLE TO BE TRUSTED?!
—ACCORDING TO HELIOS, BOTH OF THOSE REASONS
RIN, RODELIS WAS—
WHAT A *COMPASSIONATE* CHANCELLOR HE WAS!
I KNOW IT WAS HELIOS DECISION.
BUT *YOU'RE* THE CHANCELLOR NOW, RODELIS

TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT KISENOS!
YOU, TOO, LANTANUM!

...
...AND THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT KISENOS.
...
I SEE. THANK YOU.

IT TOOK THE WHOLE NIGHT...
I'M BORROWING A ROOM TO SLEEP IN. RIN, YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST, TOO.
ARMEN, LET'S GO.
MATCH
...RIN.

THAT MUST'VE BORED YOU.
...IT TOOK ALL NIGHT.
...YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT CHAN-CELLOR.
THERE'S NO GUARAN-TEE I'LL BE CHOSEN FOR THAT.
RIN... I UNDER-STAND YOU CAN'T FORGIVE HER FOR THE THINGS THAT HAP-PENED IN THE PAST,
BUT I AM MASTER RODEUS' YUMEBITO.
I WILL PROTECT HER!

...
RIN!
KISENOS.

OH, SORRY...
DID YOU FINISH MIXING THE MEDICATION?
HOW UNUSUAL OF YOU TO FORGET LIKE THAT. WORK REQUESTS TIRING YOU OUT?
IT'S DANGEROUS TO SPACE OUT WHILE THERE'S A FIRE!
...HUH? WHAT IS IT?
EXCUSE ME, YOU HAVE A LETTER.
ANOTHER JOB OFFER?
IS IT A REQUEST?
IT'S FOR THREE O'CLOCK TOMORROW.

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN GO? YOU'RE TIRED, AREN'T YOU?
I'M FINE.
I'M HAPPY WITH WHAT AN EXCELLENT YUMEBITO YOU ARE! YOU CAN HAVE A GOOD REST TONIGHT!
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THE MORE I THINK ABOUT HAVING THAT NIGHTMARE AGAIN,
THE LESS I WANT TO SLEEP.
I UNDER-STAND.
LEAVE THIS TO US. ONCE IT'S OVER, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP PEACEFULLY. WE'LL MAKE SURE OF IT!

WOW, YOU'VE MASTERED ALL THE FORMULAS I TAUGHT YOU!
WELL... I *HAVE* BEEN YOUR YUMEBITO FOR A CENTURY
BUT PERFECTING THEM TAKES TIME. I'LL TEACH YOU ANOTHER ONE SOMETIME.
DID THE MEDICATION WORK?
YUP. SHE'S ASLEEP NOW.
HURRY UP AND GET TO WORK!
Hal Hal Hal
OKAY, OKAY KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ME.

THAT SMELL... THIS IS DEFINITELY A NIGHTMARE CREATED BY A MUMA.

I WONDER IF ONE OF THEM IS A MUMA...
OPEN IT!
OPEN IT!
OPEN IT!
OPEN IT!

OPEN IT!
Open it
Eat it!
Eat it!
Open it
Eat it!
OPEN IT!
OPEN IT!

DON'T WORRY. YOU CAN LEAVE THROUGH THE BACK DOOR.
O.. OKAY.
DINNER'S BEEN POST-PONED!
WHO MADE THIS WONDERFUL DINNER?
SHALL WE CONTINUE, THEN?
IT LOOKS DELICIOUS.

Awsh
I DON'T REMEMBER INVITING YOU.
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...IT'S BEGINNING. SO IT WAS A MUMA.

SHE'S SO STRONG!
WILL I BE ABLE TO RESIST...?!

KISENOS!
...
WHAT IS IT?

SOME-ONE'S WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE.
I HAVE TO GO BACK!
TO THE DREAM...
KISENOS! I'M COMING IN!
IT'S JUST A BOY...
DON'T COME HERE!

HE MAY LOOK LIKE HE'S JUST A BOY, BUT HE'S ALSO MY IMPORTANT PARTNER.
?!
FOR THE BOY'S SAKE, I'LL LET YOU GO THIS TIME.
SHE DIS-APPEARED ...?!
BUT... WHY?!

KISENOS! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU KNEW SHE WAS A MUMA?
YEAH...
SHE WAS POWERFUL.
BUT I COULDN'T SEE HER VERY CLEARLY

I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND, BUT I THINK I WAS SAVED BECAUSE OF YOU...
NO... THE TRUTH OF IT IS THAT SHE SPARED ME...
?
DID YOU EXTERMINATE HER?
...I LET HER GET AWAY.
YO, KISENOS!

LANTANUM! IT'S BEEN A WHILE. HOW UNUSUAL OF YOU TO COME VISIT.
I DECIDED ON A YUMEBITO, SO I THOUGHT I'D INTRODUCE HER TO YOU.
THIS IS IRIS.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M KISENOS. NICE TO MEET YOU. THIS IS MY YUME-BITO— RIN.
I'LL MAKE US SOME TEA.
I'LL HELP YOU.

RODELIS, IRIS AND RIN, HUH.
SO RIN GETS TO HAVE TWO BABES AT HIS SIDE?
THAT'S GREAT!
THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE ELITE THREE IS GOING TO BE PRETTY EXQUISITE.
GIVE ME ONE.
ISN'T SHE PRETTY? OUR CURRENT ELITES ARE TOO .. MANLY
SPEAKING OF BEAUTY— THE MUMA I ENCOUNTERED EARLIER WAS *GORGEOUS*.
..BUT IT'S MORE LIKE SHE TOOK MERCY ON *ME*.
THINGS HAVE BEEN SO PEACEFUL... AND IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WENT INTO A MUMA-CREATED NIGHTMARE.
I.. LET HER ESCAPE.
YOU EXTERMINATED HER ANYWAY, RIGHT?

SHE WAS A TOUGH OPPONENT.
I SHOULD REPORT HER TO HELIOS.
IF A NORMAL BAKU ENCOUNTERED HER, THEY WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE.
HUH. YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY CAUTIOUS.
I JUST HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
GET OUT OF MY WAY! DON'T STAND AROUND TALKING IN DOORWAYS!
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I WONDER IF... I'LL SEE THAT BAKU AGAIN.
BUT IF WE GET INTO A FIGHT, I'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM...

EXCUSE ME, MISS...

SHE'S SO BEAUTI-FUL...!
AH... THANK YOU!
I WAS CARRYING ALL OF THIS, AND I DIDN'T NOTICE.
YOU DROPPED THIS
DO YOU NEED ANY HELP?
IT'S FINE.
OH, NO THAT'D BE TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR.
AS LONG AS YOU HELP ME OUT, TOO.

FROM HERE ON OUT, YOU ARE A MEMBER OF MY CLAN.
YES...

BUT EVENTUALLY, YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE ME...
ANOTHER MUMA?
LOOKS LIKE IT.
SMELLS LIKE THE ONE FROM BEFORE...

YOU'RE REALLY SHARP. . HERE— HOLD ON TO THIS.
IF YOU FEEL LIKE I'M IN DANGER, BLOW THIS WHISTLE. THE BAKU NEARBY WILL COME HELP
I KNOW HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE. BUT...
WILL YOU BE OKAY BY YOURSELF?
I'M PART OF THE ELITE THREE! DON'T TAKE ME SO LIGHTLY!
YOU'RE PUTTING YOURSELF IN DAN-GER?!
WHO KNOWS? I JUST SAID THAT BECAUSE YOU LOOK WORRIED.
...HURRY UP AND GET TO WORK!
Ha ha ha!
SHOVE
STOP FOOLING AROUND.

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...THIS TIME, IT WASN'T A DINNER INVITATION.

YEAH. NIGHTMARES CREATED BY MUMA ARE DISGUSTING.
SO YOU KNEW.
WAIT! CAN WE TALK FOR A MOMENT?
TALK? HOW SILLY OF YOU.
YOU'RE NOT IN A HURRY, ARE YOU?
I'M HERE ON THE REQUEST OF A CLIENT.
RIN? IS THAT YOUR APPRENTICE — THE BOY FROM LAST TIME?
AND RIN'S WAITING FOR ME. I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU!

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..WHY DID YOU LET ME GO EARLIER?
I THOUGHT IT'D BE SAD IF RIN WERE TO BE LEFT ON HIS OWN.
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TO THINK THAT A MUMA WOULD SHOW *COMPASSION* TOWARDS ME!
SO YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO STAYS BY YOUR SIDE.
I DON'T DO THIS ALL THE TIME. I *NEVER* HOLD BACK! BUT JUST THIS ONCE...
YOU MUST HAVE COMPANIONS, TOO.

COMPA-
NIONS?
I CAN TURN HUMANS INTO MUMA, BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY'LL STAY WITH ME.
...WHO KNOWS
THERE WERE MUMA IN THE BACKGROUND...?! I'M SURROUNDED!
WAIT!
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?!
YOU WERE TALKING...
TO MAKE ME LET MY GUARD DOWN?

NO!
NO!
WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?!
STOP IT, ALL OF YOU!
HEH. FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN MUMA COOPERATE LIKE THIS
WELL
YOU COULDN'T TAKE THIS HUMAN'S SOUL BECAUSE OF BAKU INTERFERENCE
WE CAME BECAUSE WE HEARD YOUR VOICE
SINCE WE'RE HERE, WE COULD TAKE THIS BAKU OUT

YOU ALWAYS LEAVE ME ALONE!
HOW DARE YOU COME BACK AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
THIS IS A NIGHTMARE I SET UP!
DON'T COME IN WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!

DID SHE...
DISAPPEAR AGAIN...?

I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED A MUMA TWICE AND NOT EVEN GOTTEN ONE CHANCE TO KILL IT...
SHOULD I LET HELIOS KNOW? IT ISN'T NECESSARY, BUT... I JUST CAN'T SHAKE OFF THIS INSECURITY.
KISENOS, WHY'RE YOU STANDING THERE LIKE THAT? I FINISHED THE SHOPPING.
THOSE WEIRD SMELLING CIGARETTES? HERE.
SORRY. DID YOU GET THAT FOR ME?
THANKS— I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THOSE!
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THESE THINGS?
A LETTER FOR YOU. ANOTHER REQUEST? YOU'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY LATELY.

SHE SAYS SHE'LL BE AT THE PARK TOMORROW.
YOU'RE MEETING HER OUTSIDE? HOW RARE.
LET ME SEE IT.
WELL, IT'S HARD FOR PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF CREATURES LIKE US BAKU.
I'LL GO MEET HER TOMORROW, BY MYSELF.
DOES THE PARK AT TWO O'CLOCK ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORK FOR YOU? FERME
PLEASED TO MEET YOU. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE NIGHTMARES I'VE BEEN HAVING RECENTLY.
I WONDER IF THE CLIENT KNOWS WHAT I LOOK LIKE.
I ONLY KNOW THE NAME.

I CAN'T EVEN FIGURE OUT WHETHER IT'S A MAN OR A WOMAN.
SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING!
OH, NO, I JUST ARRIVED..
YOU'RE...
HELLO.